

# NH Commercial Salt Applicator Certification

A Win for Business and the Environment

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Source Water Protection Conference

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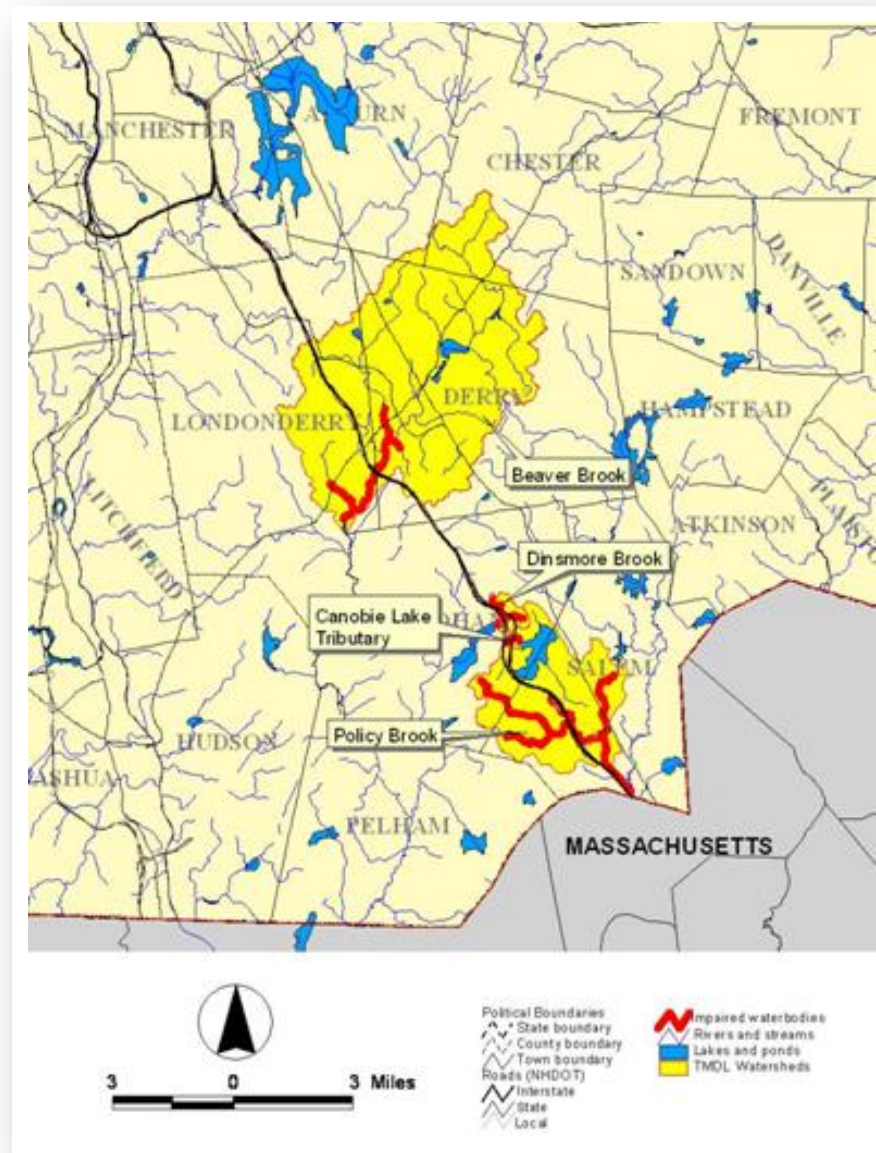


# Need Certification?





# I-93 Chloride Impairments





# Chloride **TMDL**

## **TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD**

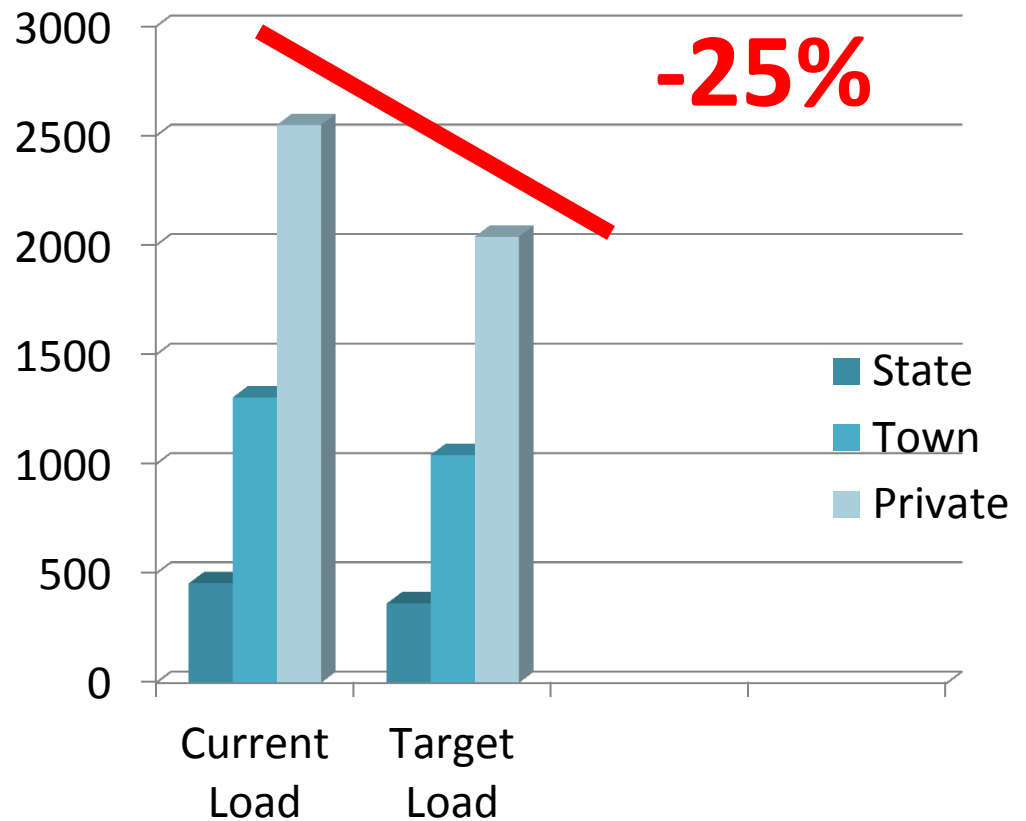
Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Study  
For Waterbodies in the Vicinity of the I-93 Corridor  
from Massachusetts to Manchester, NH:

Policy-Porcupine Brook in Salem and Windham, NH



Photo Credit: New Hampshire Department of Transportation

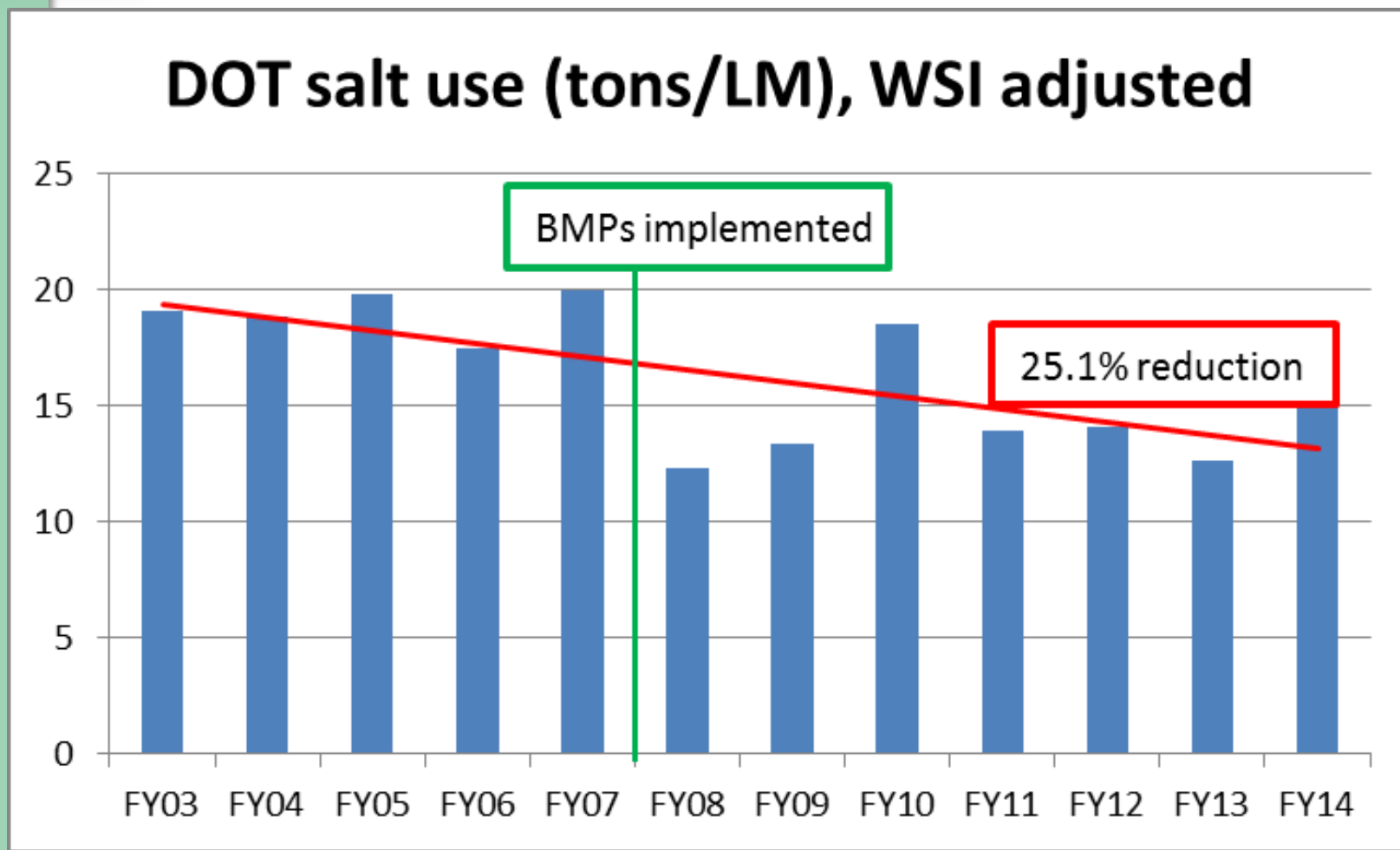
April 18, 2008





# DOT Meeting Reduction Goal

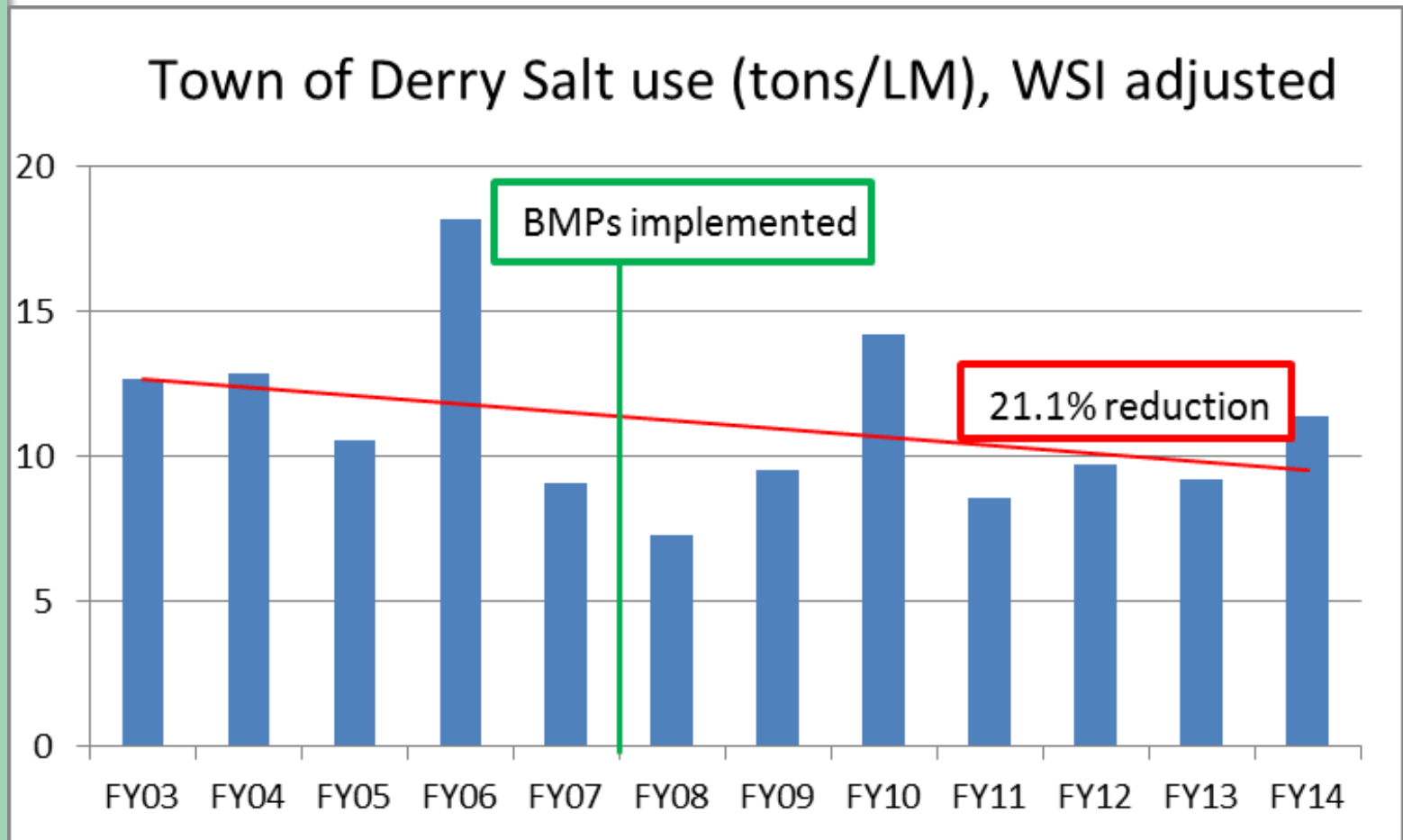
## Preliminary data





# Derry NH Reductions

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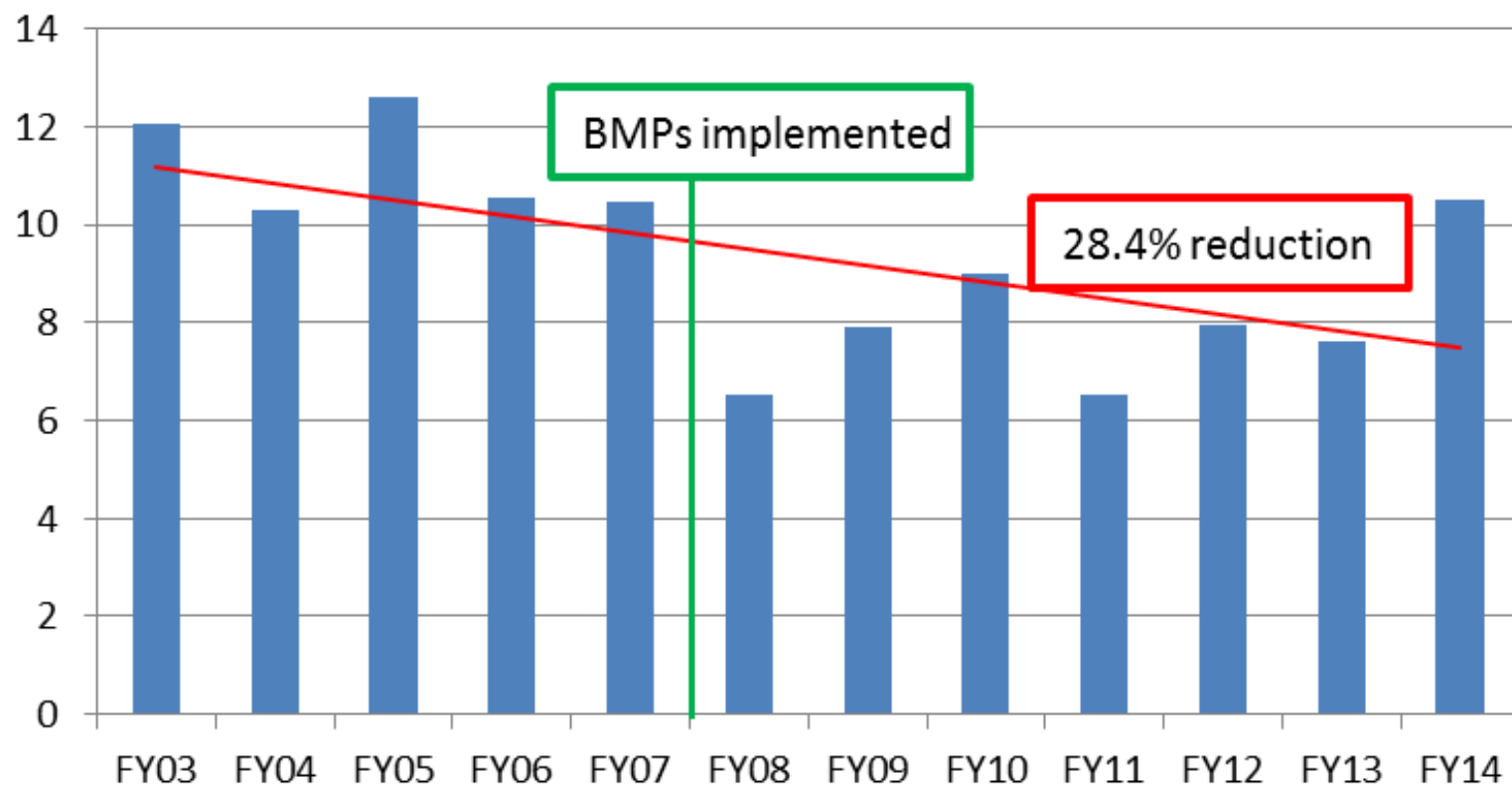




# Londonderry Reductions

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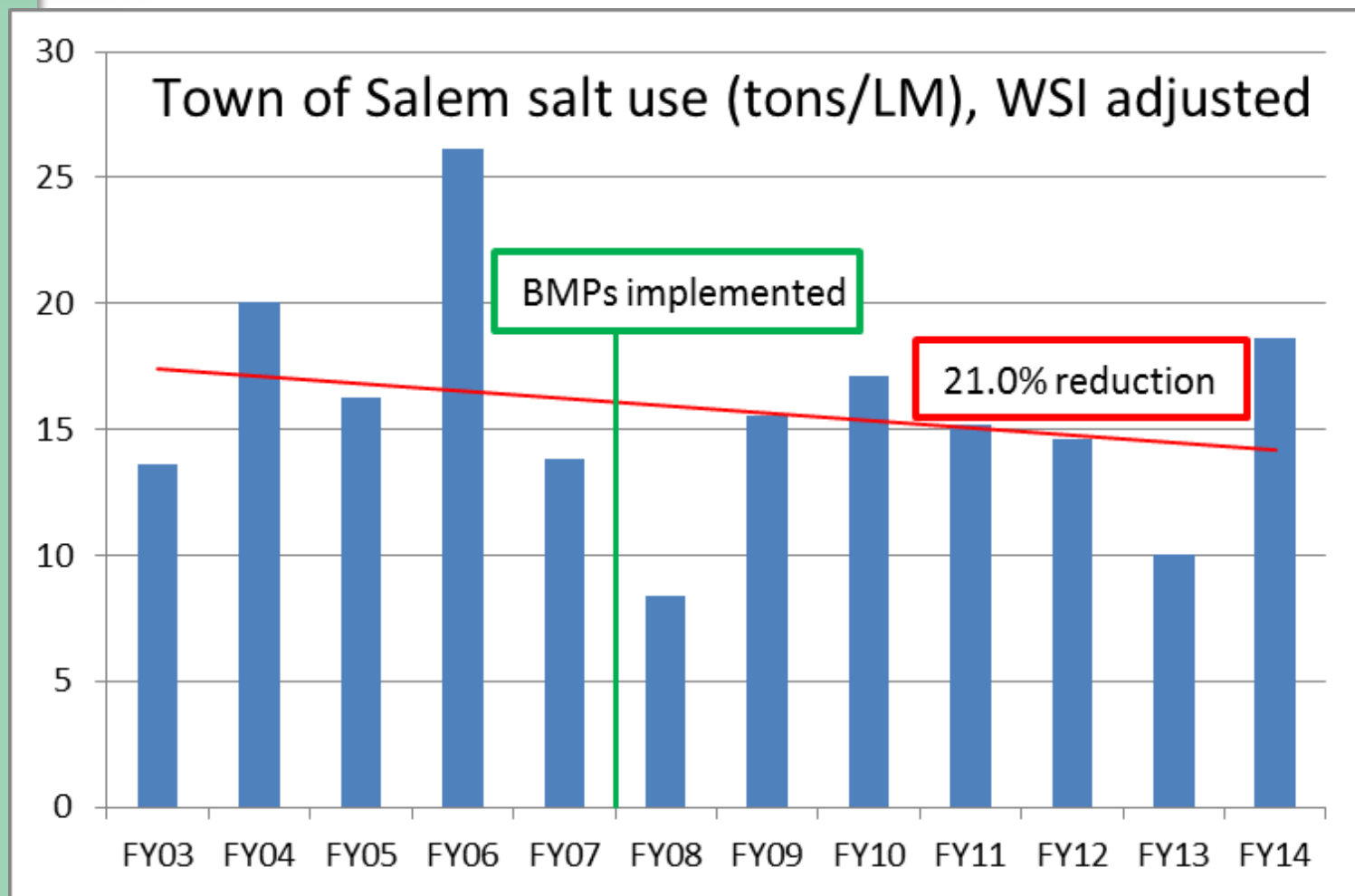
Town of Londonderry Salt use (tons/LM), WSI adjusted





# Salem Reductions

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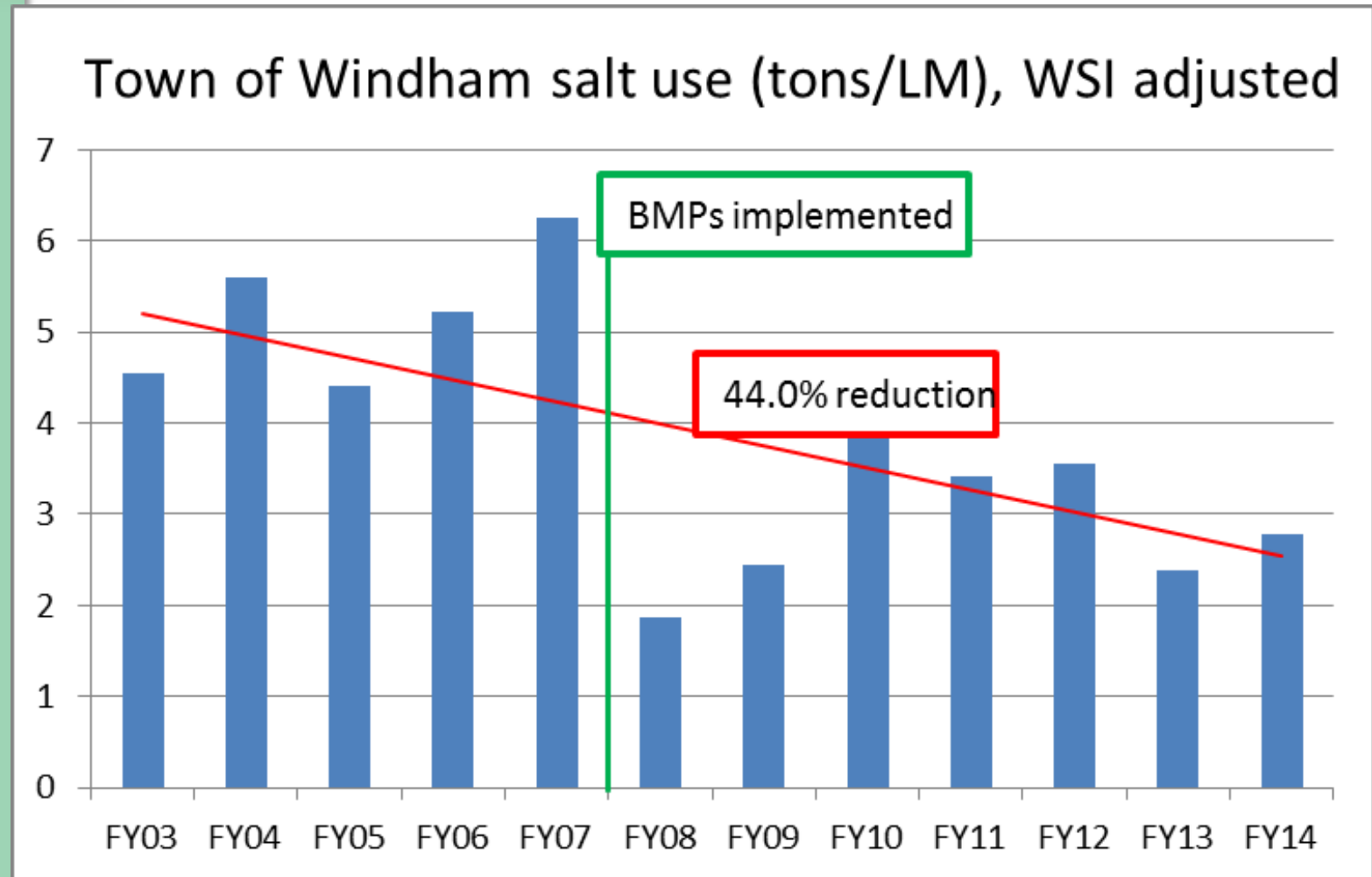






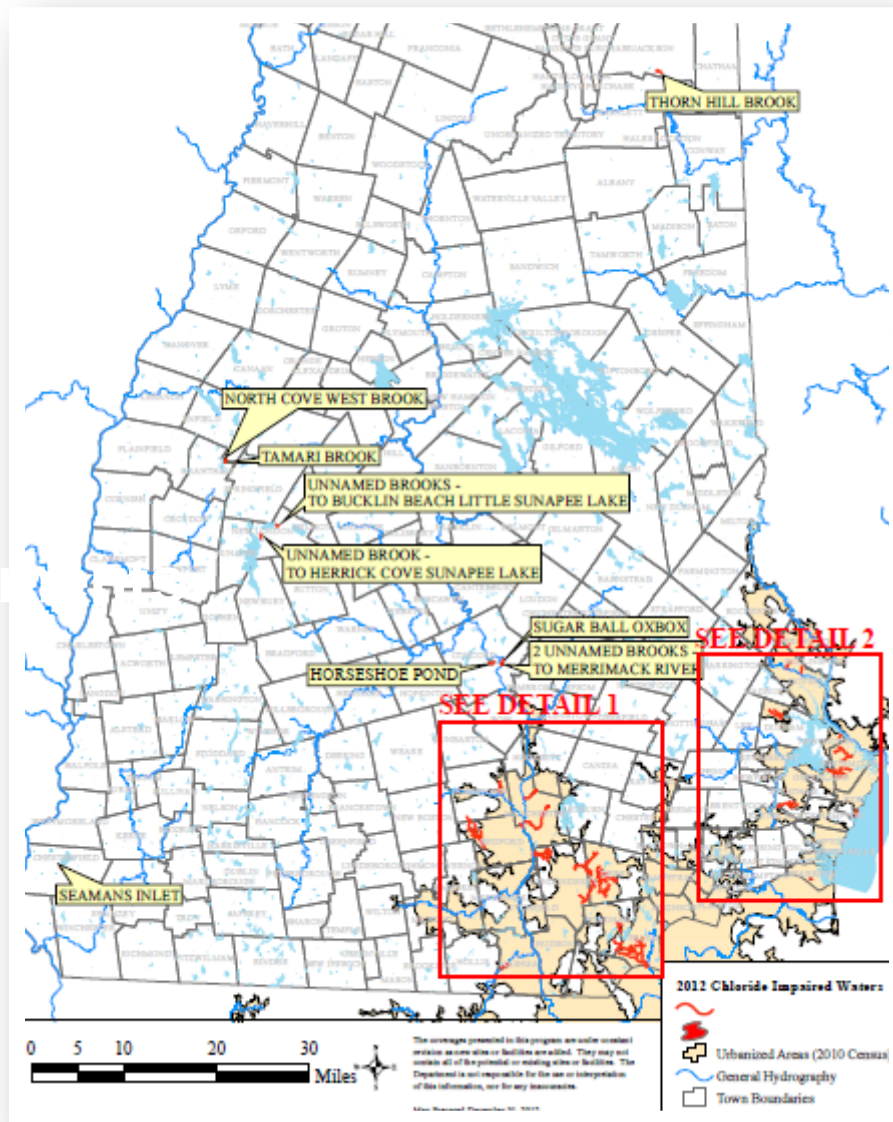
# Windham Reductions

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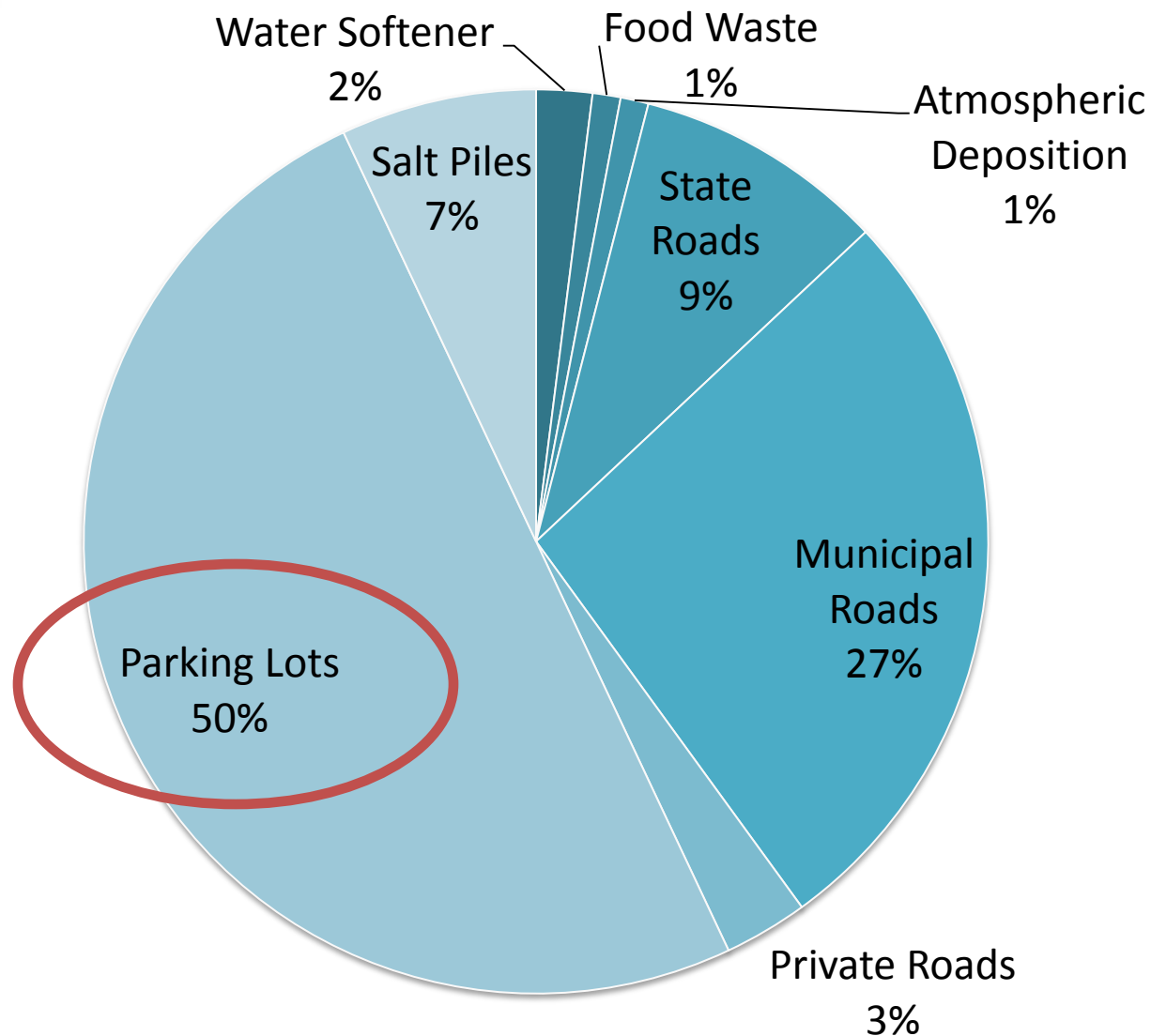


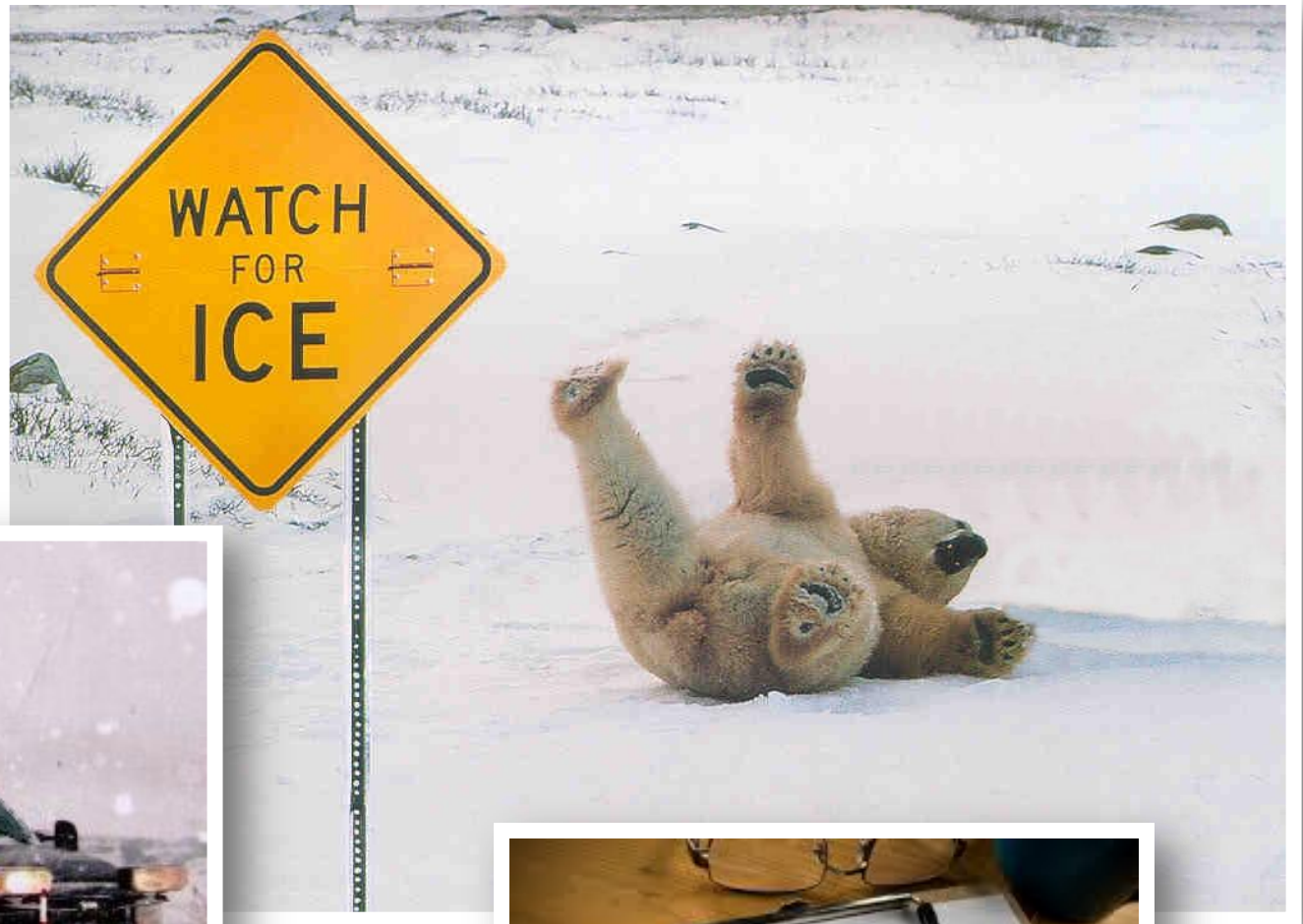
# Chloride Impairment is a Statewide Issue





# Source Characterization







# A Snowball's Chance...

2010 – Mandatory Certification w/ fee  
HB 1676

Referred to  
Interim Study

2011 – Mandatory Certification w/ fee  
HB 202

Inexpedient to  
Legislate (killed)

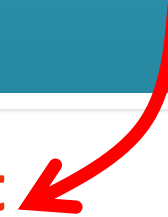
2012 – Optional Certification w/ fee  
SB 392

Passed Senate  
Killed in the  
House

2013 – Optional Certification w/ fee  
HB 523

Retained in  
committee

**Passed as part of the budget  
bill (without the fee)**





# Liability Protection

“Salt applicators, and those who hire them, are not liable for damages due to hazards, EVEN WITH ACTUAL NOTICE THEREOF, when such hazards are caused solely by snow or ice...”



Walking on snow  
and ice is  
inherently  
dangerous

Meanwhile, away from the sausage-making...







Since 2010 – nearly 800 salt applicators trained





# Course Overview

Environmental & Infrastructure Concerns	(20 min)
Pre-Season Preparation, Site Inspection & Expectations	(20 min)
Calibration Demo	(45 min)
Pre-Treatment: Before the Storm	(35 min)
During The Storm Activities	(45 min)
Record Keeping & Salt Accounting System	(10 min)
Exam Review	(10 min)
Exam	(30 min)



# Traditional Field Calibration

- Set Gate Height & Auger/Pony Motor speed
- Discharge and Record Spread Width
- Run spreader for 30 seconds & capture salt to weigh.
- Perform calculations!
- Mark the gate height settings!





# Results of Field Calibration

Gate Opening	W	A	Discharge Rate (lb/min.)			B	D					
	Spread Width (ft.)	$5.28 \times W$	Run 1	Run 2	Run 3	Average Discharge Rate $((Run1 + Run2 + Run3)/3)$	Pounds of Material Discharged per 1000 square ft. $(D = B \times C \div A)$					
							5 mph (C = 12)	10 mph (C = 6)	15 mph (C = 4)	20 mph (C = 3)	25 mph (C = 2.4)	30 mph (C = 2)
1"	12	$5.28 \times 12 = 63.36$	70	71	68	$(70 + 71 + 68)/3 = 69.67$	$12 \times 69.67/63.36 = 13.93$	$6 \times 69.67/63.36 = 6.97$	$4 \times 69.67/63.36 = 4.64$	$3 \times 69.67/63.36 = 3.48$	$2.4 \times 69.67/63.36 = 2.79$	$2 \times 69.67/63.36 = 2.32$
1.5"	11.4	$5.28 \times 11.4 = 60$	92	84	86	$(92+84+86)/3 = 87.33$	$12 \times 87.33/60 = 17.47$	$6 \times 87.33/60 = 8.74$	$4 \times 87.33/60 = 5.82$	$3 \times 87.33/60 = 4.37$	$2.4 \times 87.33/60 = 3.5$	$2 \times 87.33/60 = 2.91$
2"	11	58.08	106	112	99	105.7	21.83	10.92	7.28	5.46	4.37	3.64
2.5"	10.75	56.76	120	128	129	125.7	26.57	13.28	8.86	6.64	5.31	4.43
3"	10.75	56.76	140	150	143	144.3	30.51	15.26	10.17	7.63	6.10	5.09
EX	14	$5.28 \times 14 = 73.92$	87	92	93	$(87+92+93) \div 3 = 90.67$	$12 \times 90.67 \div 73.92 = 14.72$	$6 \times 90.67 \div 73.92 = 7.36$	$4 \times 90.67 \div 73.92 = 4.91$	$3 \times 90.67 \div 73.92 = 3.68$	$2.4 \times 90.67 \div 73.92 = 2.94$	$2 \times 90.67 \div 73.92 = 2.45$



# Melting Capacities of Salt

Pavement Temp (°F)	1 lb. salt will melts this amount of ice	Time it takes to melt this amount of ice
30	46.3 lbs.	5 mins.
25	14.4 lbs.	10 mins.
20	8.6 lbs.	20 mins.
15	6.3 lbs.	60 mins.
10	4.9 lbs.	ineffective
5	4.1 lbs.	"
0	3.7 lbs.	"



# Use Pavement Temperature

Truck Mounted  
Thermometer



Cab Display





# Parking Lot Application Rates

Pavement Temp. (°F) and Trend (↑↓)	Weather Condition	Maintenance Actions	Application Rate (lbs/per 1000 sq.ft.)			
			Salt Prewetted/Pre treated with salt brine	Salt Prewetted/Pre treated with other blends	Dry salt	Winter sand
>30 ↑	Snow	Plow, treat intersections only	4.5	4	4.5	Not recommended
	Frz. Rain	Apply chemical	5.75	5.25	6.5	Not recommended
30 ↓	Snow	Plow and apply chemical	5.75	5.25	6.5	Not recommended
	Frz. Rain	Apply chemical	6.5	5.75	7	Not recommended
25 - 30 ↑	Snow	Plow and apply chemical	5.75	5.25	6.5	Not recommended
	Frz. Rain	Apply chemical	6.5	5.75	7	Not recommended
25 - 30 ↓	Snow	Plow and apply chemical	5.75	5.25	6.5	Not recommended
	Frz. Rain	Apply chemical	7	6.5	8.25	10.5





# Parking Lot Application Rates – (Continued)

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			Salt Prewetted/ Pretreated with salt brine	Salt Prewetted/ Pretreated with other blends	Dry salt	Winter sand
20 - 25 ↑	Snow or frz. Rain	Plow and Apply chemical	7	6.5	8.25	10.5 for frz. Rain
20 - 25 ↓	Snow	Plow and apply chemical	5.75	7.5	9.5	Not recommended
	Frz. Rain	Apply chemical	7	7.5	10	10.5
15 - 20 ↑	Snow	Plow and apply chemical	7.5	7.5	9.5	Not recommended
	Frz. Rain	Apply chemical	8.75	7.5	10	10.5
15 - 20 ↓	Snow or Frz. Rain	Plow and apply chemical	8.25	7.5	10	10.5 for frz. Rain
0 to 15 ↑↓	Snow	Plow, treat with blends, sand hazardous areas	Not recommended	10	Not recommended	13 and spot-treat as needed
< 0	Snow	Plow, treat with blends, sand hazardous areas	Not recommended	23	Not recommended	13 and spot-treat as needed



# Application Rate Example 1:

January 1, 2015  
5:00pm



Current Temp: 20°

Forecast: heavy snow through  
early morning.  
Overnight low of 5°.

1. What application rate should you select for:
  - a) Salt Pre-Wet with Salt BRINE
  - b) Dry Salt
2. Roughly how much total salt would you expect to use if the parking lot was ~5000 ft<sup>2</sup>?



# Transition to State Certification

1.  
Train



**Technology Transfer Center**

New Hampshire LTAP at UNH



UNIVERSITY  
of NEW HAMPSHIRE

2.  
Certify

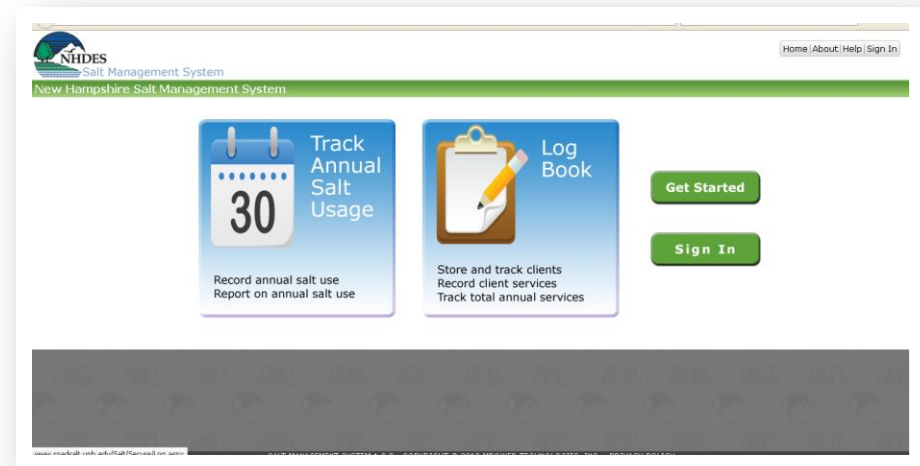


NEW HAMPSHIRE  
DEPARTMENT OF  
**Environmental  
Services**



# Content of Rules

- Policy – “to maintain safe surfaces with the least amount of salt.”
- Training Requirements for Initial Certification
- Continuing Education
- Recordkeeping
- Annual Reporting
- Approved Provider Authorization





# Authorized Provider

# SIMA<sup>®</sup>

snow & ice management association

**CORE  
PRINCIPLES**

**SIDEWALK  
OPERATIONS**

**PLOWING  
OPERATIONS**

**ICE  
MANAGEMENT**

**ADVANCED SNOW MANAGER**

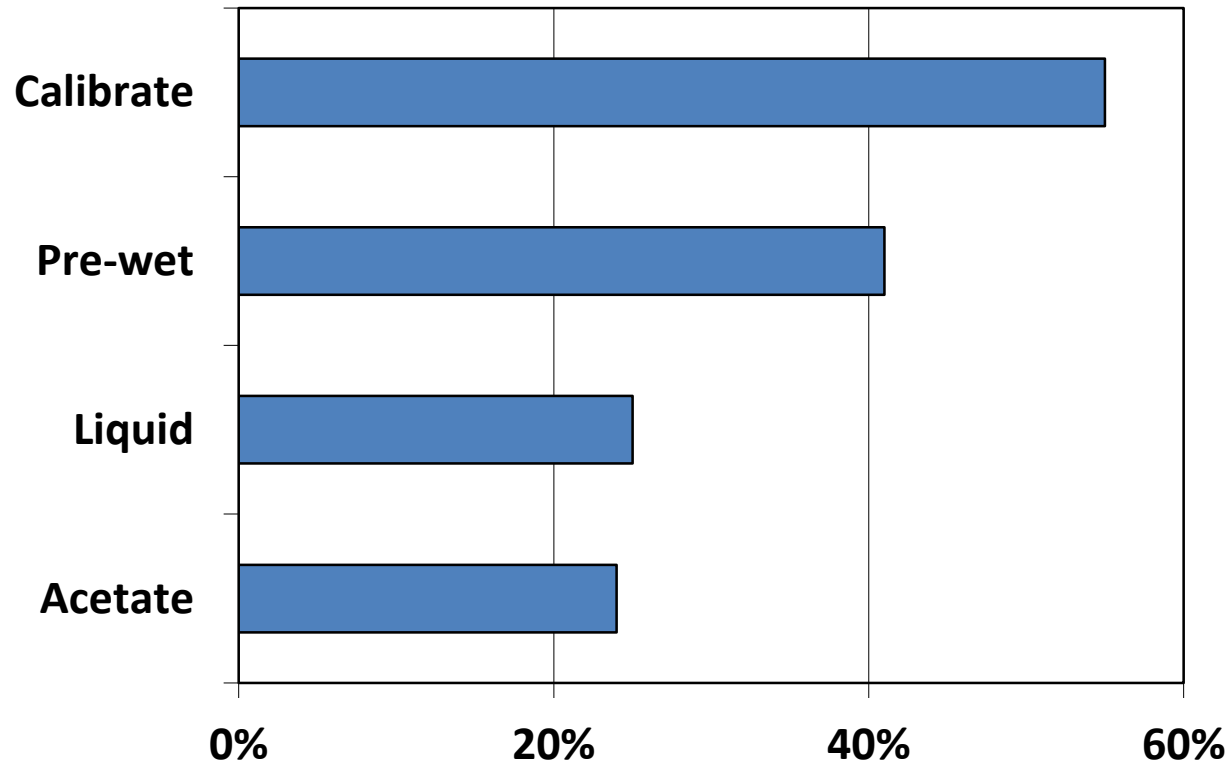
SERIOUS TRAINING

STRONGER PEOPLE

SAFER OPERATIONS

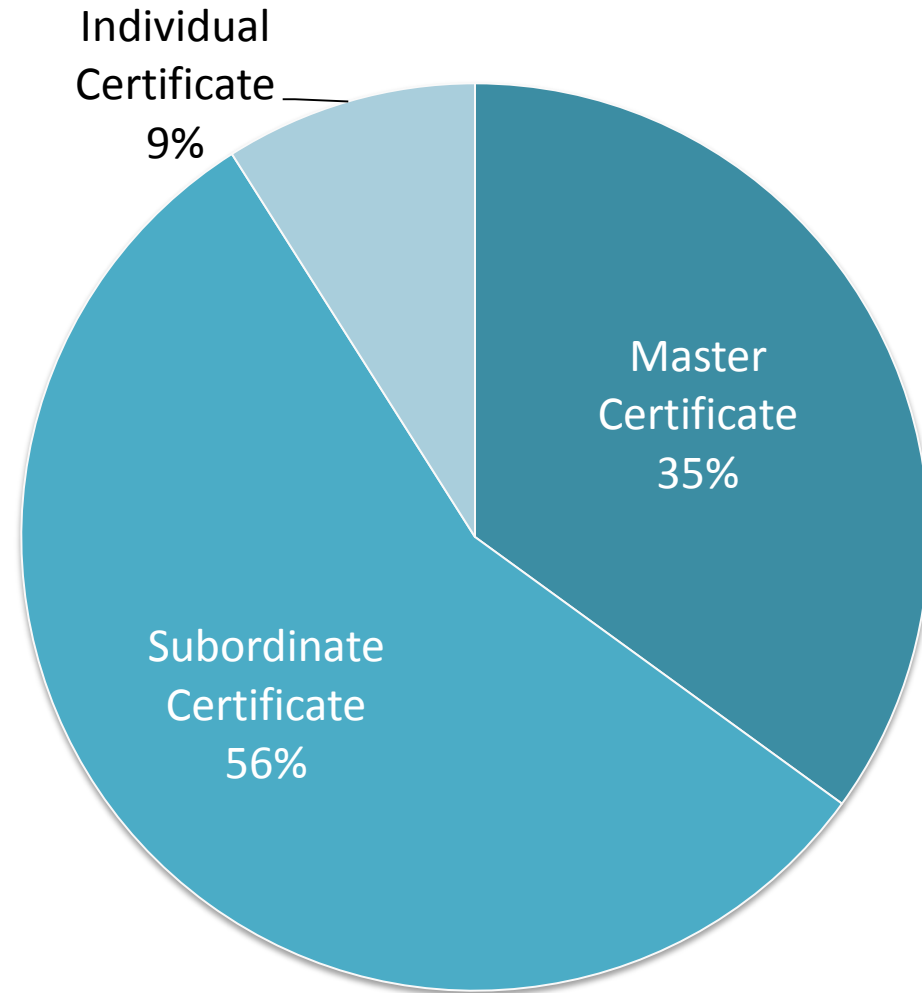


# Profile of NH Salt Applicators





# Certification Breakdown







# Academic Rigor?

- 5% Failed the Exam

What is a vibration?

*There are good vibrations and bad vibrations. Good vibrations were discovered in the 1960s*



# What's Next?

Annual Reports

Marketing to Business Owners

Second Annual Salt Symposium

Revenue



# On the Web

[www.des.nh.gov](http://www.des.nh.gov)

Click on the “A to Z List”

Select **Road Salt Reduction**

an official NEW HAMPSHIRE government website

**Welcome!**  
New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services

**DES News**

- January 9, 2014  
DES Declares Air Quality Action Day
- December 17, 2013  
Propane Auto Gas Fueling Station Opens In Concord, NH
- December 9, 2013  
New Hampshire And Seven Other States Seek To Curb Air Pollution From Upwind States

**What's New**

- 401 Water Quality Certification Approved For The Monadnock Hydroelectric Project, Bennington, New Hampshire
- Employment Opportunities - Current Opening - Water Division Director
- RFQ - Inspection/Recertification For Compressed Natural Gas Fueling Station
- NH Voluntary Salt Applicator Certification
- Environmental News Newsletter (Jan/Feb 2014)
- What Is Pollution Prevention?
- Subsurface Systems File & Archive Record Request Form
- New Hampshire's Environmental Dashboard

**DES Calendar**

4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

**The Department**

- Commissioner's Office
- Air Resources Division
- Waste Management Div.
- Water Division
- Boards and Committees

**Quick Links**

- Administrative Rules
- Air Quality Forecasting
- Certification/Training
- Directions to DES
- Disaster Preparedness & Response



# Questions?

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